

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	
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Inventor(s): Prahalad Manibhai MISTRY et al.)	Confirmation No. 3975
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Appln. No.: 10/579,783)	Group Art Unit: 1621
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Filed: May 18, 2006)	Examiner: Valenrod, Y.
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Title: TRISAZO-DYESTUFFS)	

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Supplementing the applicants' amendment and response filed on May 8, 2009, the applicants attach hereto Terminal Disclaimers with respect to the commonly assigned U.S. Patents 7,052,538 and 7,056,376.

This submission follows telephone discussions between the Examiner and the undersigned on August 11th and 12th. Initially the Examiner telephoned to say that he was considering allowance of the application with the rejoinder of the previously non-elected claims. He noted, however, that the commonly assigned U.S. Patent 7,052,538 might raise a double-patenting issue and, in the circumstances, the applicants agreed to file a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to this.


In further discussion with the Examiner, the undersigned noted another related commonly assigned U.S. Patent 7,056,376. The applicants consider that the present claims distinguish patentably over the claims of U.S. 7,056,376. Nevertheless, the applicants file herewith the aforementioned Terminal Disclaimer with respect to both 7,052,538 and 7,056,376 in the interest of obviating possible double-patenting issues and otherwise expediting allowance.

It is noted that, in the discussions with the Examiner, it was agreed that (1) a typing error in claim 1, line 3 of the A definition would be corrected by changing "alkyoxy" to "alkoxy" and that (2) an asterisk * should be added at the end of line 1 of the R₃/R₄ definition. It is understood that the Examiner can deal with this.

A PTO-1449 listing U.S. 7,052,538 and 7,056,376 is attached. Entry thereof is requested.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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